

Orr Area

Orr Information Center

Taxidermy mounts, displays, rest stop, tourist information center, and bog walk (accessible). Located one mile south of Orr on Highway 53. For more information, call (218) 757-3932.

Orr City Park

Beach and fishing dock located on Highway 53 just north of Orr.

Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary

South of Orr, turn west on Highway 23 from Highway 53 and continue 13 miles. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day. View black bears. Closed Mondays. For more information, call the Orr Information Center at (218) 757-3932. Fee.

Ely Area

International Wolf Center

This center allows you to take a closer look at the gray wolf. Wolf viewing area, museum, gift shop, and daily programs. For more information, call (218) 365-4695. Fee.

North American Bear Center

Bear viewing area, children’s activities, educational videos, and gift shop. For more information, call (218) 365-7879. Fee.

Tower Area

Superior National Forest

Home of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This forest offers an array of hiking trails and camping. A ranger station is located on Highway 53 just north of Cook, MN.

Bois Forte Heritage Center and Cultural Museum

Exhibits welcome you to the Ojibwe Indian reservation and provide a journey from the past to the present, with a glimpse of the future. Located in Tower, MN. For more information, call (218) 753-6017. Fee.

Soudan Underground Mine State Park

Venture down into the earth on a 90-minute mine tour as you explore the Soudan Underground Mine. Once underground, the rail car tour will take you to the last and deepest area mined – 2,341 feet! Above ground, visitors will find a dry house, drill shop, crusher house, and engine house. Daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the park office at (218) 753-2245. Fee.

Winter Activities

Rainy Lake Visitor Center (NPS)

Winter hours: October 1 – December 31, Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. January 2 – mid-May, Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Museum, interpretive displays, bookstore, life-size bull moose, children’s corner, adult cross-country ski rentals, free child ski loan program, snowshoe loan program, park film, and movies. Naturalist programs held weekends from mid-January through mid-March. For more information, call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873.

Black Bay Ski Trails (NPS)

Ski an easy 0.9-mile beginner trail or a 5.1-mile intermediate trail. The trails wind through pine and aspen groves, up rocky ridges, and down to a beaver pond. The ski trails begin one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and are located off the Rainy Lake Ice Road.

Rainy Lake Ice Road (NPS)

The seven-mile Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

Tilson Creek Ski Trail

This trail is located east of International Falls on Highway 11. This is a state trail system that will take you 11 miles through bog, aspen groves, and a pine forest. A state sticker is required to use this trail.

Voyageur/Tilson Ski Trail (NPS)

You can pick up this trail from the upper parking lot of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. The trail will take you 1.6 miles through a wetland and aspen forest. It connects with the Tilson Creek Ski Trail operated by the State of Minnesota. No state sticker is required while on the 1.6-mile portion of this trail that is in the park.

Echo Bay Ski Trail (NPS)

Take Highway 53 south from International Falls to County Road 122. This trail goes through aspen and pine groves and is two miles round trip.

Snowshoe Trails (NPS)

You can find three snowshoe trails: the Blind Ash Bay and Sullivan Bay trails are located off the Ash River Visitor Center Road, while the Oberholtzer Trail is located near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

Snowmobile Trails (NPS)

There are 110 miles of staked and groomed snowmobile trails in Voyageurs National Park. Call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873 for more information.

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Voyageurs National Park

What is there to do?

Guide to area attractions in and around Voyageurs National Park



Please call ahead before going to these points of interest as days, hours of operation, and conditions may change.

Locations marked with NPS are managed by Voyageurs National Park. Listing of non-park sites is for informational purposes only and does not constitute endorsement by the National Park Service.

International Falls Area

Rainy Lake Visitor Center (NPS)
Museum, interpretive displays, bookstore, life-size bull moose, children’s corner, boat launch, park film & movies, naturalist activities, boat tours, hiking trail, and picnic area. Open daily 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., late-May through late-September. Located eleven miles east of down-town International Falls on Highway 11. For more information, call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873.

Boise Paper Mill Tours
June – August, Monday – Friday. Tours are one hour in length and are regularly scheduled or by reservation. No children under 10. For more information, call (218) 285-5011. Free.

Rod Smith Memorial Kid’s Fishing Pond
This pond is managed by the Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club in cooperation with Koochiching County and the MN DNR. It is open to the public and offers rainbow trout, perch, bluegill, bullhead, and northern pike fishing. Limit of two fish is encouraged for kids, and catch and release for adults. Located behind the Rainy Lake One Stop on Highway 11, east of International Falls. Free.

Sportsmen’s Service Wildlife Museum
Over 100 taxidermy birds and animals. Located on Highway 53 in downtown International Falls. For more information, call (218) 283-2411. Fee.

Koochiching County Historical Museum & Bronko Nagurski Museum
Located in Smokey Bear Park in International Falls. For more information call (218) 283-4316. Fee.

Smokey Bear Park
Picnic tables and the world’s largest Smokey Bear statue.

Falls Country Club
Golf 18 holes along the Rainy River. Located west of International Falls on Highway 71. For more information, call (218) 283-4491.

Bike Trail
The trail starts on the east side of International Falls and travels east to the Thunderbird Lodge entrance road. Approximately eleven miles. Open to biking, walking, running, and rollerblading.

Tilson Creek Hiking Trail/Public Fishing Pier
A two-mile hiking trail and a public fishing dock located seven miles east of International Falls on Highway 11. Pets allowed.

Playgrounds & Beaches
There are eight playgrounds in the International Falls area: 8th street, Kerry Park, City Beach, Ranier, Third Avenue East, Riverview Blvd, Shorewood Drive, and Carson-Lupie playground (accessible).

Ranier Area

Quaint lakeside village with shopping, pub, ice cream, and bicycle rentals. Located east of International Falls off Highway 11.

Canada

Fort Frances
This historic town from the late 1800s borders International Falls on the Canadian side of the Rainy River. For more information, call the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce at (800) 820-3678.

Fort Frances Museum
The museum tells the story of the town of Fort Frances, the life of the voyageurs, and the Ojibwe Indians. For more information, call (807) 274-7891. Fee.

Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Center
The center offers a look at the lifestyle of the Ojibwe people. Located 30 miles west of Fort Frances between the towns of Barwick and Stratton. For more information, call (807) 483-1163. Fee.

Warroad Area

Waters of the Dancing Sky Scenic Byway
Travel west on Highway 11 from Rainy Lake to Karlstad, MN. Over 47 points of interest on this two-hour route.

Marvin Windows Visitor Center
Located in Warroad, MN. This visitor center tells the story of the history of Marvin Windows. For more information, call (218) 386-4334. Free.

Kabetogama Area

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (NPS)
New interactive exhibits, bookstore, life-size eagle and eaglets, children’s corner, boat launch, park film, hiking trail, naturalist activities, boat tours, and picnic area. Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., late-May through late-September. For more information, call (218) 875-2111.

Cold Springs Deer Farm
This tourist stop offers a look at tame, fenced-in deer. Located south on Highway 53 between Kabetogama and Orr, MN. Open seasonally. Free.

Woodenfrog State Forest Campground
This 64-unit campground is primitive yet beautiful. Located on County Road 122 off Highway 53. Picnic area with scenic view, swimming beach, and boat launch. Self-serve sites.

Ash River Area

Ash River Visitor Center (NPS)
Bookstore, children’s corner, boat launch, park film, naturalist activities, hiking trails, canoe/kayak launch, and picnic area. Open daily 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., late-May through late-September. For more information, call (218) 374-3221.

Crane Lake Area

Crane Lake Ranger Station (NPS)
No hours are set for this ranger station. You can find Voyageurs National Park, United States Forest Service, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources information at the kiosk near the boat launch. For more information, call (218) 993-2481.

Vermilion Gorge
This three mile trail takes you by rock outcrops and through a pine forest. Trail parking is 0.1 mile past the National Park Service Crane Lake Ranger Station.

Vermilion Falls
Hike the boardwalk overlooking a cascading waterfall. ¼-mile interpretive trail, picnic area, and comfort station. Two miles before Crane Lake, turn left on USFS Road 491; travel four miles to the trailhead.